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One day ...



Would you believe it, Snowy! We were just two streets away when this occurred! Perhaps I wasn't cut out to be a reporter ...



Out of the way, kid.

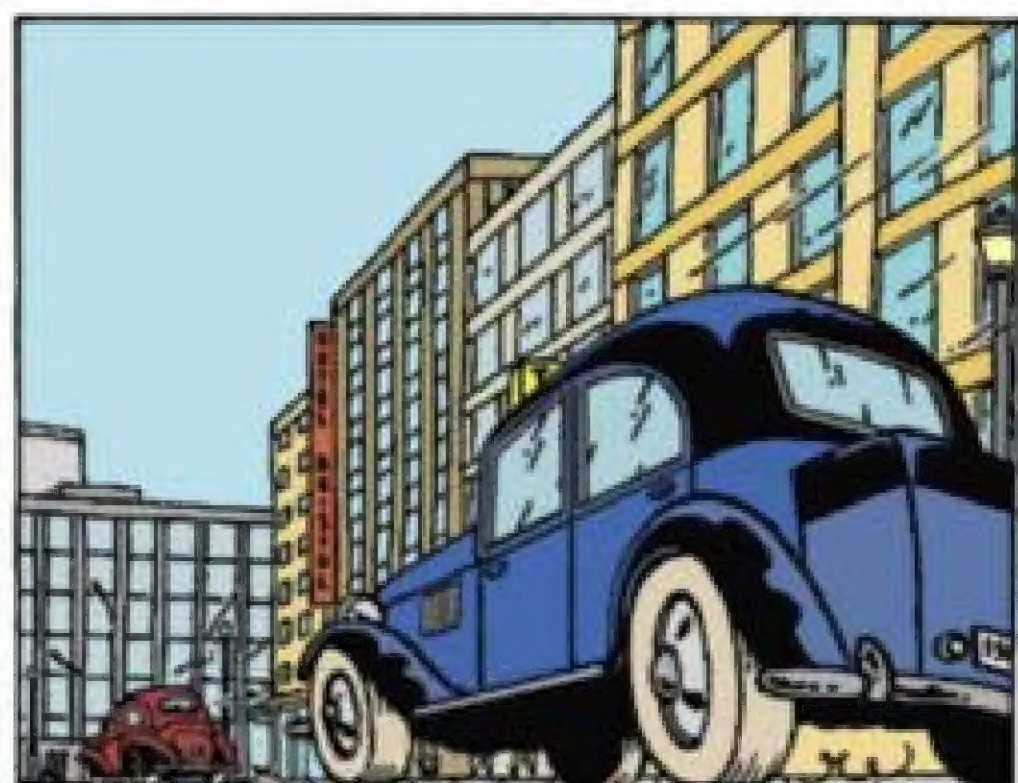
Oh! Sorry!



Hey! Did you see, Snowy? That was Mickey Martino! Quick, follow him!



TAXI!



He's stopped ... He's going into the restaurant ... Drop me just here!



Hello, Inspector? Tintin here, from the Vingtème Siècle. ... I've just located Mickey Martino!



Where? At the Coupole Restaurant? Very good, we're on our way! Keep an eye on him! Thank-you ...



A few minutes later ...



Mickey Martino ? Come with us !

I'm having my dinner ... and also, I haven't done anything !



I protest ! I haven't done anything !



It's useless, Martino. Here's the warrant. We're going to search your premises.

But, what do you want with me ?



Don't play the innocent ! The Western Bank was robbed yesterday ... the crime fits your style perfectly, old fellow !



Yesterday, you say ? Then you're out of luck, Inspector ! I've just returned from Italy today. I got off the train about two hours ago ... I have witnesses ...



Well, we shall see ...

Speak to my housekeeper ...



I'm certain, Mr Inspector. Mr Martino gave me his key before his departure. Nobody has entered since, not even me ...



So, nobody, not even you, has entered this apartment for three days. Fine, but we'll search all the same, just for peace of mind ...



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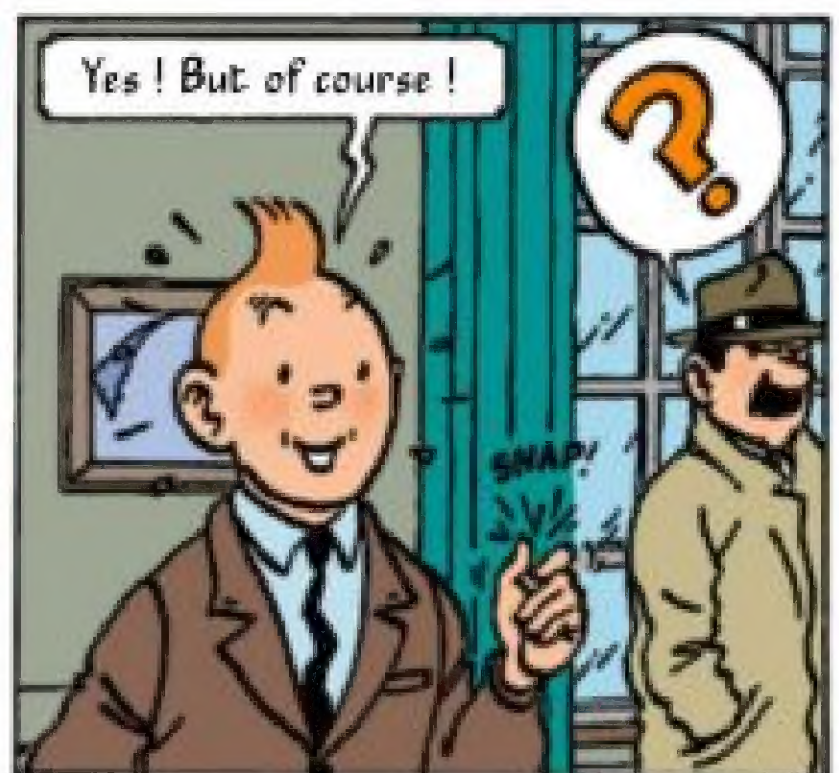
What's that ?!



A ringing ...

Wait ! Come with me ! ...





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